

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3939–S3979

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1237–1243, S.J. Res. 20, and S. Res. 212–213. **Page S3970**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. (S. Rept. No. 112–23)

Report to accompany S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation. (S. Rept. No. 112–24)

H.R. 872, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters. **Page S3970**

Measures Passed:

National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 202, designating June 27, 2011, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3978–79**

Casey (for Conrad) Amendment No. 498, to improve the resolution. **Page S3978**

Republic of Slovenia 20th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 212, congratulating the people and Government of the Republic of Slovenia on the twentieth anniversary of the country’s independence. **Page S3979**

Measures Considered:

Economic Development Revitalization Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3962–64**

Pending:

DeMint Amendment No. 394, to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. **Page S3962**

Paul Amendment No. 414, to implement the President’s request to increase the statutory limit on the public debt. **Page S3962**

Cardin Amendment No. 407, to require the FHA to equitably treat homebuyers who have repaid in full their FHA-insured mortgages. **Page S3962**

Merkley/Snowe Amendment No. 428, to establish clear regulatory standards for mortgage servicers. **Page S3962**

Kohl Amendment No. 389, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal. **Page S3962**

Hutchison Amendment No. 423, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits. **Page S3962**

Portman Amendment No. 417, to provide for the inclusion of independent regulatory agencies in the application of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.). **Page S3962**

Portman Amendment No. 418, to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) to strengthen the economic impact analyses for major rules, require agencies to analyze the effect of major rules on jobs, and require adoption of the least burdensome regulatory means. **Page S3962**

McCain Amendment No. 412, to repeal the wage rate requirements commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act. **Page S3962**

Merkley Amendment No. 440, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an Energy Efficiency Loan Program under which the Secretary shall make funds available to States to support financial assistance provided by qualified financing entities for making qualified energy efficiency or renewable efficiency improvements. **Page S3962**

Coburn Modified Amendment No. 436, to repeal the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit. **Page S3962**

Brown (MA)/Snowe Amendment No. 405, to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 430, to reduce amounts authorized to be appropriated.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 438, to provide for the establishment of a committee to assess the effects of certain Federal regulatory mandates.

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Merkley Amendment No. 427, to make a technical correction to the HUBZone designation process.

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McCain Amendment No. 441 (to Coburn Modified Amendment No. 436), to prohibit the use of Federal funds to construct ethanol blender pumps or ethanol storage facilities.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action: By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 94), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, and that the Tuesday, June 21, 2011 vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be postponed until Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, and that if cloture is invoked, time post-cloture be counted as if cloture was invoked at 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2011.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 64 yeas 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 92), Michael H. Simon, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

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By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 93), Leon E. Panetta, of California, to be Secretary of Defense.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—94) Pages S3952, S3962–63

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3979.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 872, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters.

CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PROTECTION IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cybersecurity and data protection in the financial sector, after receiving testimony from Pablo A. Martinez, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, Secret Service; Kevin F. Streff, Dakota State University Information Assurance Center, Madison, South Dakota; and Stuart K. Pratt, Consumer Data Industry Association, Leigh Williams, BITS, on behalf of the Financial Services Roundtable, and Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information Center, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Edgar Bryson, of California, to be Secretary, who was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Terry D. Garcia, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Michael H. Corbin, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates,